



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-007

ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR

I, BILL RICHARDSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Article V Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution provides "The supreme executive power of the state shall be vested in the governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed";

WHEREAS, there exists a recognized and immediate threat of terrorist acts which may be committed against the State, its infrastructure, and its citizens which could include biological, chemical, nuclear or conventional threats or attacks;

WHEREAS, the various state agencies, particularly the department of public safety, have responsibilities related to the State of New Mexico's emergency planning, response, mitigation and recovery, including those threats related to homeland security;

WHEREAS, an immediate need exists for the appointment of a Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor to advise upon, coordinate these functions, and to chair a Homeland Security Advisory Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order as follows:

I. ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR:

- a. The Office of the Homeland Security Advisor is hereby established in the Office of the Governor and serves at the pleasure of the Governor.
- b. R.L. Stockard is hereby appointed as the Homeland Security Advisor to the Governor and shall have all the powers and duties appurtenant thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISOR:

- a. Advise the Governor and Executive Branch Agencies in order to efficiently and immediately address any potential terrorist threats or acts;
- b. Make recommendations as to how the State can improve efforts to protect citizens and the State's infrastructure and economy;

- c. Make recommendations to improve the State's response plans regarding disasters and terrorist incidents;
- d. Act as a Governor's Authorized Representative for purposes of coordinating the use of National Guard resources to address state emergencies due to natural disasters, terrorist threats or attacks.
- e. Act as a liaison on behalf of the State of New Mexico to the Federal Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and similar agencies established by other states or local public bodies for the purpose of consulting with and advising on preparation for and response to any terrorist acts or natural disasters.
- f. Serve as the chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, which shall be comprised of representatives from all cabinet level state agencies; representatives from private industry including vital infrastructure and citizens as may be appointed by the Governor.
- g. The Homeland Security Advisory Committee shall assess New Mexico's overall state of readiness and generate recommendations for a comprehensive homeland security strategy.
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THIS ORDER supersedes Executive Order 2003-001 and any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 18th day of March, 2003.




Bill Richardson
Governor

Attested:


Rebecca Vigil-Giron
Secretary of State